

the first Democrat to call for a halt to the U.S.-led bombing campaign in Kosovo. He introduced legislation to update and improve the War Powers Resolution by erecting more safeguards before the deployment of our fighting men and women into situations of hostility.

I must point out that I have not always been in agreement with Senator CLELAND. I strongly opposed a balanced budget constitutional amendment, and I think MAX CLELAND supported it. I opposed the line-item veto, and I believe that MAX supported the line-item veto. But I have never, never, not for a second, questioned his sincerity, his integrity, or his respect for our Government and his love of this country.

MAX CLELAND is an outstanding Senator, a great American. He lost his Senate seat, at least for the foreseeable future, but he will never lose his integrity. Senator CLELAND is a real winner. Just as his military buddies were proud to have served with MAX CLELAND in Vietnam, I am honored to have served with him in the Senate. MAX CLELAND is a hero. He will always remain so.

May God bless MAX CLELAND. I wish him nothing but happiness and success in the future.

God give us men!

A time like this demands strong minds,
great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie.
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And brave his treacherous flatteries without
winking.

Tall men, sun-crowned;
Who live above the fog,
In public duty and in private thinking.

For while the rabble with its thumbworn
creeds,

Its large professions and its little deeds, min-
gles in selfish strife,

Lo! Freedom weeps!
Wrong rules the land and waiting justice
sleeps.

God give us men!

Men who serve not for selfish booty;
But real men, courageous, who flinch not at
duty.

Men of dependable character;
Men of sterling worth;
Then wrongs will be redressed, and right will
rule the earth.

God Give us Men!

Mr. President, MAX CLELAND is that kind of man.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I certainly confirm, underscore, and applaud the statement of the Senator from West Virginia about MAX CLELAND. I don't know of anyone in my life who has given me more inspiration than MAX CLELAND. Whenever things seem a little bit dark and dreary, I always see that smiling face of MAX CLELAND. He is a tremendous man, a fine human being, and he has a lot more to contribute. His name will grow from where it is today. The people of Georgia and this country have not heard the last of MAX CLELAND.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I renew my unanimous consent request that was just asked a few minutes ago. I ask the Chair, do I need to restate that?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is not necessary.

Is there objection to the unanimous consent request previously stated by Senator REID?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the esteemed President pro tempore of the Senate, Senator BYRD, is going to speak for a while this morning. We are in morning business until 1 o'clock today.

For those wishing to speak on the Shedd nomination, the time has been running in spite of the fact we are in morning business. Senator HATCH is here, Senator LEAHY and his staff are here, and he is available to come at any time. I don't think they will need all the time.

I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended until 2 p.m. today and that the Shedd time continue to run for Senators who wish to speak on that during morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, seeing no other Senator seeking recognition at this time, I again have sought recognition.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator yield? I failed to make one announcement.

Mr. BYRD. Absolutely, yes.

Mr. REID. I apologize. The cloak-rooms have sent out an announcement that there will be no more votes, but the majority leader has asked me to announce there will be no rollcall votes today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JESSE HELMS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, the senior Senator from North Carolina, Mr. HELMS, is in some ways my Senator. I was born in North Carolina. I was born there before Senator HELMS was born there. My natural father and mother are buried there in North Wilkesboro, NC. One of my brothers, the only brother I have still living, still lives in Wilkes County.

Many years ago, before the senior Senator from North Carolina joined the Senate, he was a radio commentator on WRAL in Raleigh, NC. During one of his radio commentaries, it is my understanding that the future Senator from North Carolina—the future Senator then, Senator HELMS, not Senator at that point—spoke of me as a Senator whose “greatest strength is his dedicated independence of thought and action,” as a Senator who is “neither easily frightened nor intimidated,” as

a Senator who “stands up for what he regards as important.”

I have always appreciated those words, and over the many years, I have appreciated the friendship of the senior Senator from the State of North Carolina. So when JESSE HELMS was elected to the United States Senate in 1972, it seemed to me that we were already long-time friends, and we became even closer friends.

The more we came to know each other, the more at least I liked and respected him. I think he returned the compliment, but I cannot speak for that. I can only say for myself that I liked and I like JESSE HELMS and I respect him, and I have always respected him.

I found Senator JESSE HELMS to be a deeply religious man of immense integrity, indisputable honesty, unqualified patriotism, and absolute independence, a man who is absolutely fearless. He is a southern gentleman of the first order. He is a product of the old South and a product of his beloved North Carolina.

He has certainly made his presence felt in the Senate. During his years in the Senate, he served as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and was made a grand duke by the country of Lithuania for his contributions to the reestablishing and strengthening of the independence of the Baltic nations.

He also acquired a powerful and widely recognized reputation for his strong independent stands, and I am here to verify that many of the stands he has taken have not only been strong stands and independent stands but, in some cases, Senator HELMS stood virtually alone.

Some of his positions have involved his standing, as I say, alone not only against Presidential administrations but against the remainder of the entire U.S. Senate, or at least most of the Senate. More than once, Senator HELMS has been the singular vote on a particular position, and I know that can be a bit lonely. But he has never wavered in the strength of his convictions or his votes.

“The paramount thing for political leaders,” he once explained, “is whether a man believes in his principles and whether a man is willing to stand up for them, win or lose.”

That was JESSE HELMS. Consequently, we always know where Senator JESSE HELMS stands. Take an issue—abortion, prayer in school, Presidential nominations, reducing the deficit, taxes, Government waste, the future of the country—if one did not already know where JESSE HELMS stood, JESSE HELMS was always ready to tell you where he stood.

Some of his positions have been unpopular. Some of them may have seemed out of step with the march of history, but he has contributed to the great debates that from time to time have been heard over and throughout